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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 1997, please reconsider the above-identified application amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace pages 1, 2 and 3 of the above-identified application with the attached substitute pages attached hereto to the extent necessary.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A stable, liquid pharmaceutical formulation consisting of interferon-beta, a stabilizing amount of [a polyol selected from the group consisting of] mannitol, [glycine and saccharose,] a buffer capable of maintaining the pH of the formulation at a value between 3.0 and 4.0 and, optionally, albumin.